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**New Partnership for Quality Recreational Opportunities for
Disabled and Disadvantaged Children**

On Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Department of Water Resources joined with three other Resources Agency departments – Fish and Game, Boating and Waterways, and Parks and Recreation – in a partnership to provide quality recreational opportunities for disabled and disadvantaged children and to increase the awareness of all participants, parents, sportsmen and volunteers, of the capabilities of children with disabilities.



Partnership members left to right: **Paul Romero**, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Parks and Recreation; **Raynor T. Tsuneyoshi**, Director, Department of Boating and Waterways; **P. Joseph Grindstaff**, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Water Resources; **Banky Curtis**, Regional Manager, Sacramento Valley-Central Sierra Region, Department of Fish and Game; **Jim Owens**, Executive Director, C.A.S.T. For Kids

Representing DWR at the event was Chief Deputy Director Joe Grindstaff, who signed the Memorandum of Agreement with the Catch a Special Thrill (CAST) Foundation. The

foundation was started in the early 1990s and is dedicated to providing disabled and disadvantaged children with quality fishing experiences. The foundation has been active in California through its work with the Bureau of Reclamation. This action paves the way for the DWR to help sponsor these unique one-day outdoor fishing and boating events at state water project facilities starting in 2005.

The event, which was held during Disability Awareness Month, reaffirms the commitment of DWR, Fish and Game, Boating and Waterways, and Parks and Recreation to broaden recreational opportunities for all Californians.

The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

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